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This telegram confirms cancellation of Summer Program as indicated in my telegram of last night addressed to your office. Cannot handle this year. Will return packages referred to in your letter of 30 June unless otherwise directed.



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This is a copy of a letter from [redacted] dated 1 July 1952  
sent to [redacted]

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I have just been informed that there is a distinct possibility that your program will be cancelled - this within two days of my departure. I presume you know about it too.

It is this sort of thing which makes professional people say "I'll never work for the government again". If this thing is really called off, I have learned my last lesson, and it will take something awfully blue ribbon to get me in again. I turned down two other offers to come to Washington this Summer, and the funds for my research salary back here have already been committed to other personnel. There is a real financial embarrassment in my case, and it will take some fancy budget squeezing to get me merely a routine income for the Summer quarter.

Not to mention the fact that I have spent a very considerable amount of time preparing for this assignment already. Is there no way of compensating us for this? I happen to know that the Agency is engaged in a project involving [redacted]

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[redacted] couldn't our assignment this Summer be shifted to advisory work on this project? It would certainly seem to me that we could be used somewhere, and thereby save the embarrassment and hard feelings certain to follow a cancellation.

And finally - not to mention the State people whose house we have rented for the summer. They are about ready to take off on their vacation, and we are about ready not to take over their home.

I know this thing is not your fault, and I know you will do everything possible to head it off. Let us hope everything goes through as scheduled, and let me thank you in advance for anything you can do to help.

Most sincerely,

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